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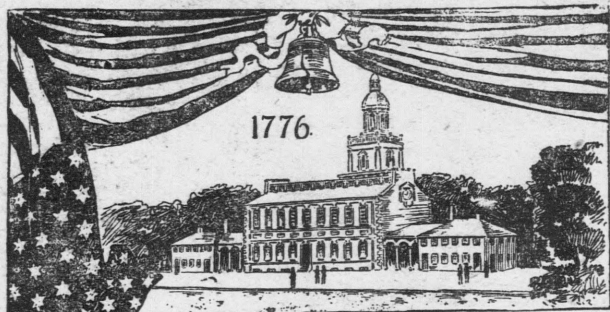
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## YOUNG AMERICA'S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

Our patriot fathers stood firm in the fight  
And were ready to conquer or die for the right.  
They won. So will we should we fight every man.  
Who would place our firecrackers under a ban.  
What! Keep us from showing how happy we feel  
That we live where to despots we never need kneel.  
Should they try to do this we'll declare our rights, too,  
And firmly maintain them against the whole crew.

Some claim that our method of keeping the day  
Is a nuisance that should be proscribed right away.  
And that then our rockets and firecrackers' rattle  
Would no longer disturb their meaningless tattle.  
No doubt there's some danger to life and to limb  
When we keep up the Fourth with our usual whim.  
A few may be injured, some few perhaps die,  
By our loyal display on the Fourth of July.

But if there's some risk in our fiery display  
To show the world that we're not afraid to die,  
Our sire emulate, to their spirit aspire,  
But by having, like them, a baptism of fire.

Then, hurrah, for a bright, noisy Fourth of July!  
Let us honor the day and constantly try  
To follow their footsteps who willingly gave  
Their all, even life, their dear country to save.

NEIL MACDONALD.

## THE RUSTY SWORD.

BY G. T. FERRIS.

[Copyright, 1898, by the Author.]  
GEORGE MARCOE'S den in the old homestead, which he had inherited from his father, the colonel, one of the most substantial citizens of Wilmington, was a pleasant bachelor's haunt as any one of that genus could wish.

Handsome fur rugs, many of them the spoils of the owner's ride, were scattered over the oak floor, and the room was lined with bookcases filled with the best literature of the world. Between the moose and elk heads mounted on the walls were scattered fine water colors and etchings. Here stood a stand of pipes, there a cabinet of sportsmen's guns. An angling rod was propped up against a handsome bronze, and a horseman's sword, which had been passed down together in an enameled Japanese plaque. The apartment, in a word, was typical of the accomplished trifler who had the tastes of a scholar and the tastes of a sportsman. But in the midst of the room, where the young man took most pride among numerous masculine knickknacks was a large wooden shield on which were suspended half a dozen swords of different patterns. A pair of modern sabers and a splendid "presentation" sword had come to him from his father, who had been a dashing cavalry officer during the civil war. A short saber in a plain shagreen scabbard curved just above them, sacred to the memory of his grandfather, who had commanded a battery at Buena Vista and been slain there in a charge of the Mexican lancers. A slender blade with silver chased hilt bore witness of a remote ancestor, one who had served on General Hull's staff and had protested bitterly against that commander's surrender of Detroit in 1812.

"But there's the tool," said Geoffrey to his friend Adams, a young lawyer, as they stood before the sword. "I don't know what it was for, but I believe it was a sword of some kind. It's a fine specimen of the work of a blacksmith, and it's a pity it's so rusty. I'll have it polished and then I'll use it."

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"No; neither literally nor as a figure of speech," said Geoffrey, struggling in vain with the rusted sword blade and refusing his friend's offer of help. "I'm a sad degenerate, I fear. Here I am ten years out of college and am only an idler and a dilettante, with little prospect of ever being anything else, while you, lucky dog—you have everything before you, and nothing behind except splendid health and energy. I tell you, my boy, you'll make the sap-pipes scream, while I shan't even whistle through the chanter, as my old Scotch nurse would say."

Adams laughed a little in his sleeve, for he suspected the cause of this pessimism, so alien to Geoffrey's usual easy and animated temper, to be his bitter quarrel with Janet Hardy, a very lovely but energetic young person of the modern school, always unhappy unless she was "doing things." Janet also came of distinguished colonial stock and was prominent in the local chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, an institution of which she was proud beyond measure.

"What a charming thing is repose in woman," he had said to his betrothed a few weeks before on her returning from the great convention which had assembled the Daughters in New York for the main purpose of investigating a greater interest in the Fourth of July and its proper celebration. Janet had rattled on with great enthusiasm about what had been said and done by these feminine patriots. This meditative remark of Geoffrey's struck fire. This response was a thrust on riposte, at once parry and lunge.

"Dye think so, my Lord Dawdle," she had answered with a snap in her brilliant black eyes, "more so at all events than repose in man, which is why sometimes call self contented sloth."

This stinging reply had led to other exchanges in which their tongues tumbled, and the result, as sometimes occurs between a couple genuinely in love, was a rupture and mutual return of various little mementoes, leaving the twines of heartache behind.

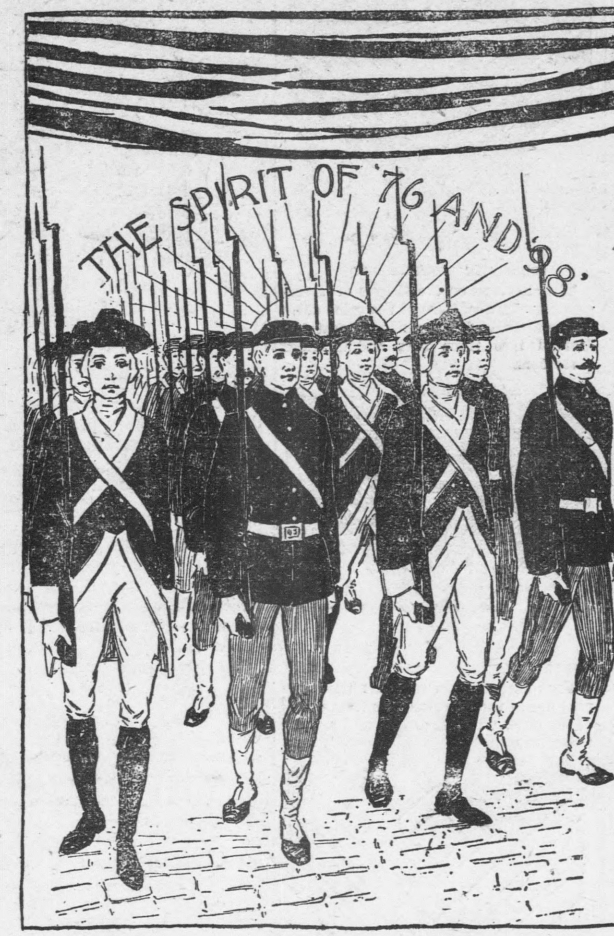
As may be inferred from Geoffrey's unfortunate remark, he had but little sympathy with the bustling business woman of the new age, even when he approved the aims to be achieved. In this case he was in lively accord with the object of Janet's eager agitation, which first fired the women and through them kindled the men into a flame of communitarian ardor. Scornfully as she bore herself and coldly as she looked on him, Geoffrey was not without a certain respect for her.

Her heart was racing with tender pity, polite as was Geoffrey in the occasional passing word, she was (perhaps for the first time) not without a certain respect for her. As he was proving her most efficient ally. Certainly it was his suggestion, which had been adopted, that the celebration of the great fete day should take place in the park, and the following schedule: First, a grand procession in the morning, with a band of about 100 of the principal men of Wilmington and the vicinity riding on horseback in the costume of the Revolutionary epoch, military and civil, followed by as many ladies correspondingly attired in carriages, then by a regiment of the national guard, and, finally, a band of music.

"Well, continue to show as much 'go' in any direction worth while as you have put into this Fourth of July matter," said Adams, pursuing of their talk. "and you'll fairly outpace your own prediction."

"That's the device of it," answered Geoffrey, with a deprecating shrug. "This is a grand opportunity to show a fellow's patriotic pride. The other is work—genuine grind. I have thought for a good while that the country has lost independence day into a sort of numbing holiday without any life in it, precisely like this rusty sword blade, confound it!" he said, tugging at the hilt. "I must pull it out and soak it out. I don't suppose I shall have to draw it on parade, but that steel must come out of prison. And, by the way, there's an old tradition in the family which I remember as a boy. The general left an injunction in his will that at least once a year his descendant possessing the sword should unsheathe it and keep the blade bright. I had forgotten about it till this moment, and I don't believe that it's a good thing to let it rust. But I'll do it yet and redeem some of my lazy ancestors."

"Good for you," said Adams. "I think I already see the old general smiling on you from his portrait, for just then a burst of sunlight through a cloudy day flashed into the room and brightened the soldier's face of the picture. Another ten days brought the great occasion for which Williston was all agog."



Early in the morning Geoffrey Marcoe again set to work on the obstinate sword, which had been assiduously coaxed with oil; but no amount of struggle was able to loosen the blade. To his disgust he felt obliged to give it up for the moment, but he anticipated no awkwardness, as he could see no occasion for drawing of swords except on the part of the militia officers. In any case that was the proper sword for him to wear.

Poor fellow! He little guessed that, however unthought of in advance, the inspiration of every heart in or out of uniform, when steel was worn by the side, would be to flash its brightness in the July sunlight in salute of Old Glory as they passed the scene of the great battle. In this case the sword was a reminder of the old days, and so it came to pass. As the cavalcade reached the line of the flagstaff a whisper ran among the Revolutionary worthies. Every hand was clapped to every hilt, Geoffrey's among them. Sweat beads ran down his face in agony of his effort, and as he writhed and bit off bad words underneath his mustache the fiercest and irrepressible small boy, so much in evidence at spectacles, began to sneer.

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his pallid face as he panted from betwixt the blood froth of his lips: "I die happy now, Geoffrey, for the country will be free, even though I shall not live to fight for it. Think naught more of your part in my death, but rather bear yourself like Marcus Hardy lived to be my gallant comrade through the war, and we became even as David and Jonathan thereafter. I do hereby enjoin my descendants to keep the friendship of Marcoe and Hardy ever unbroken even to the end, that they may always fight the battle of life with hand clasp and united hearts."

It is a marvel that Geoffrey heard but little of the orator's burning periods and that the picnic guests fell fast and snore on him? Amid all the buzz of congratulatory heart beat impatiently for the evening and a quiet word with Janet which would come with it.

His eye followed her stately figure through the mazes of the dance at the ball and revelled in the beauty of the black eyes under the powdered hair and twin roses accented with dainty patches. But he avoided more than a commonplace greeting and did not even ask to be introduced to her. He found opportunity to drop a passing whisper: "Meet me in the reception room off the hall in ten minutes. I must see you."

"I bring you a message from the dead," he said as her eyes met his in curious query.

"The dead are infinitely condescending to leave their repose to disturb our repose," she answered with a little malice, courtesying in old time fashion.

"When I drew that unlucky yet most lucky sword this morning, something came out with it. And he unsheathed the sword again with the paper wrapped about it, holding the blade by the point in the attitude of surrender.

Satirical humor went out of her sparkling face, and it softened as with a glow of tender wonder and anticipation. Holding the naked sword in one hand, she read the Marcoe legacy, and her eyes were suffused with moisture, which revealed all that Geoffrey could hope in them.

"Do you forgive me?" he said as the thrill of her outstretched hand drew him to her.

## TWO STORIES BY M. QUAD.

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### THE COLONEL'S ORATION.

"Speaking about the Fourth of July," said the colonel as half a dozen of us were smoking on the platform while we were waiting for the train, "but I had a rather singular experience last year! I was engaged to deliver the oration at Green Hill, and left Taylorsville at noon on the 3d, to drive across the country."

"And you met with an accident of course?" queried one of the group.

"I did, sir. When the journey was half completed, I had a sort of sunstroke and was obliged to put up at a farmhouse and send for a doctor. I was in bed for two days. I was so ill that I did not give the people my name or tell them my grand until too late to notify the citizens of Green Hill."

"What so they had no Fourth of July oration?"

"But they did have, and that is the singular part of the adventure," replied the colonel. "A man arrived there on the morning of the Fourth who claimed to be me, and at the proper time he delivered the address and took the \$50 and left."

"What sort of an oration did he deliver?"

"A very poor one, and that's what hurts me most of all. No one was satisfied with it. It was a rambling, shambling discourse—a mixture of politics, religion and history—and, though he was paid for it, the people felt that they had been swindled. If he hadn't used my name, he would have been hooted off the platform."

"Colonel," said the man who was smoking a briar root on the baggage truck, "did you notice a buggy behind yours just before you were sunstruck?"

"I—I believe I did."

"Anybody killed in the scrimmage?"

"I think not."

"Just threw the tea over and went home and went to bed, eh?"

"That was the way of it, I guess."

"Then you'd better leave that out, judge, as it wouldn't interest us two minutes. If they could do all that and no one got hurt it couldn't be much of a row. What happened after that?"

"The colonists began to think of independence," replied the judge. "It wasn't long before they were ready to resist England."

"I—I think not."

"Then you'd better cut that out, judge, for we don't cotton to a chap who is all talk and can't shoot. Anything more happen?"

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## Washington ... Letter

RESIDENT McKinley, his Cabinet and Congress as a whole are much pleased, as they have every reason to be, with the news from Cuba. General Shafter's campaign has been a success from the moment his army was landed. Every fight with the Spanish has resulted in a victory for his men, and each day has seen his army nearer Santiago. He is free to use his own judgment as to whether he will at once storm the heavy fortifications at Santiago, defended by an army more numerous than his own, the men of which being acclimated do not suffer from the heat as our men do, or whether he will await the arrival of the reinforcements now on the way to him, and of those to be sent this week from Tampa. If he decides to go right ahead, news of a big battle may be expected at any moment. The killing and wounding of Americans in the bush fighting that has taken place between Shafter's men and the Spanish, while, of course, deeply regretted was no more than what was expected to accompany fighting on land. The storming of Santiago, whether at once or later, is certain to result in the capture of the town, but it is expected to be bloody work.

There is no truth in the report sent from Washington that Gen. Miles was going to Cuba to take charge of the campaign against Santiago. Gen. Miles expects to go to Santiago in a few days, but he calculates to find it in the possession of Gen. Shafter when he gets there. His object in going is, not to supersede Gen. Shafter but to make Santiago the base from which the operations against Porto Rico, which are to follow its capture, may be conducted, provided that our boys stand the climate fairly well. Santiago is several days nearer Porto Rico than the nearest port on our Florida coast. Like the President, Gen. Miles is perfectly satisfied with Shafter's work as far as it has gone.

If the report from Madrid saying that a new ministry was at once to be chosen for the purpose of suing for peace was started with the hope or expectation that it would cause the slightest cessation in the vigorous prosecution of the war by this government, its originators must have been entirely ignorant of sentiment on this side of the Atlantic, and may as well prepare for a disappointment. Spain can get peace by asking for the terms of the U. S., and accepting those terms without the slightest change, and in no other way. Having taken the trouble and gone to the expense to get ready to crush Spain, this government will not order the slightest delay in the crushing in response to Spanish trickery.

Senator Hoar, Chairman of the Senate committee on the Judiciary, says of the compromise Bankruptcy bill which is now awaiting President McKinley's signature to become a law: "In getting it through we have been obliged to leave in it some crudities and imperfections, which must be remedied by subsequent legislation. The bill will enable in 150,000 to 200,000 bankrupts to get on their feet again. It will enable manufacturers and merchants to get a fair division of their debtors' property, and will prevent a great deal of fraud, embezzlement, and wasteful dealing with property."

The Currency Reform bill, recently reported from the House Banking and Currency committee, will not be pushed at the present session of Congress. In deference to some of the members of the committee the bill has been recalled from the calendar, which leaves it occupying the same position it did before it was reported to the House. This is just as well, as it is well known that the Senate would not have acted upon the bill under any circumstances.

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**FOR SALE.**  
In accordance with a conclusion reached some two months since the MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, good will, mailing lists, &c. included, is offered for sale. The reason is the protracted ill health of the editor and proprietor. For more than two years he has been a victim of liver trouble and though perhaps in general health is as well now as at any time of this period yet a change of climate is advised as necessary. For this reason the paper is offered for sale though with much reluctance many pleasant ties will be thus severed. Such is life. Brother editors will confer a favor by noting the fact that the paper is for sale. No more beautiful section of country in which to locate.

**MCKENDREE DOWNHAM,**  
Editor and Proprietor.

MIDDLETOWN celebrates the Fourth. Monday will be a lively day in town. The parade will form at 10:30 on East Main street left resting on Catherine. The full First Delaware Regiment will turn out. Hon. David T. Marvel will deliver the oration. The judge has a reputation as an able speaker. The boys of the Regiment will be given an ice cream and cake treat in the evening. The committee in charge will do all possible to make the day a success. Come, Come.

The parade will be—  
Main to Church, to Green, to Broad Main to Railroad Ave., to Lake, to Broad, to Main.

The Exercises will take place at the Academy grounds at 2:30.

**PROGRAM:**  
Singing..... "America,"  
Invocation..... W. J. V. Moore,  
Singing..... Red, White and Blue  
Reading the Declaration of Independence,  
Dr. F. H. Moore.  
Selection by Band.  
Address..... Hon. David T. Marvel  
Singing..... "Star Spangled Banner"  
Benediction..... Dr. L. L. Wood

**THOS. S. CLARK**, of Dover, who was convicted on Friday, June 24th, with aiding in the Dover Bank embezzlement, was sentenced on Monday to five years in the Trenton Penitentiary and a fine of five thousand dollars. On Thursday he was taken to the prison. It is stated that he was well pleased with the leniency of the sentence, the maximum possibility in his case being 25 or 30 years. In trying to make as to the difference in sentence between the Cooper and Clark cases, the indictment against Col. Cooper being so much larger in amount. U. e. explanation is: The Cooper verdict was a compromise and on a minor count, hence his sentence was lighter. It is said his friends have congratulated him on his brief term since the Clark trial. Clark had his handsome mustache shaved off before he left New Castle and Cooper did not know him when they first met in prison.

Senator Gray asked for a postponement of the trial of Senator Kenney until the October term but it was not granted. The trial will begin July 11th.

AGAIN yesterday there was fighting at Santiago. A week ago on Friday five Americans were killed in an engagement and since then the troops have been closing around the city. The fighting yesterday was said to be general and severe. Santiago must surrender, the Spaniards must yield, but it may cost many valuable lives.

#### REGISTRATION OFFICERS.

Registration officers for the election Nov. 8th have been named. The Department of Elections named those for Wilmington and Gov. Tamm for the three counties. There are three for each election precinct or polling place, a registrar and two assistants. In Wilmington the law requires an equal division between the two parties as nearly as possible. There were named 99 Democrats and 96 Republicans. In the rural district the majority must be of the same party as had a majority at the last election. It was thought that some of the Registrars might be Republicans but they are not. Besides being the clerical officer and having the lists the Registrar receives six cents out of the dollar registration fee. Where two Republicans were appointed they are "assistants." The following are the appointments for lower New Castle county:

Eleventh Representative District, (Pencader Hundred)—First Election district registrar, Edward O'Rourke, Cooch's; assistants, Edward S. Armstrong, Cooch's; Benjamin R. Lee, Cooch's; alternate, Arthur S. Draper, Cooch's.

Second district, registrar, William B. Ford, Kirkwood; assistants, Jesse A. Cann, Kirkwood; Charles W. Griffenber, Kirkwood; alternate, J. H. Hastings, Kirkwood.

Twelfth Representative District, (Red Lion Hundred)—First Election district registrar, John T. Cheairs, Delaware City; assistants, Amos Collins, Delaware City; William A. Jester, Delaware City.

Second district, registrar, J. Alfred Davidson, Kirkwood; assistants, William H. Stuchart, Kirkwood; Miles Clark, Kirkwood; alternate, Harry C. Clark, Kirkwood.

Thirteenth Representative District, (St. Georges Hundred)—First Election district registrar, John G. Armstrong, Odessa; assistants, Daniel W. Corbit, Odessa; W. A. Rhoads, Odessa; alternate, Charles E. Rose, Odessa.

Second district, registrar, Frank Hickman, Port Penn; assistants, John Evans, Port Penn; Joseph Cleaver, Port Penn; alternate, Charles Bendler, Port Penn.

Third district, registrar, Augustus Hulsebeck, Middletown; assistants, John P.

## INSIGNIA IN THE ARMY.

**How to Tell a General From a Corporal.**

### SHOULDER STRAPS AND BADGES.

**Our Gallant Soldiers and the Meaning of the Rank Devices Which They Wear. Cap Emblems of the Privates—Information For the Man of Peace.**

The cloth of the army rank strap is as follows: For the general staff and staff corps, dark blue; for the artillery, scarlet; for the infantry, sky blue, and for the cavalry, yellow.



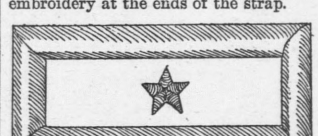
**GENERAL'S SHOULDER STRAPS.**  
The rank of general no longer exists in the United States army. The only men ever given the rank by Uncle Sam were Washington, Grant, Sherman and Sheridan. The shoulder straps of a general are of dark blue cloth, 1 1/2 inches wide by 4 inches long, bordered with an embroidery of gold one-fourth of an inch wide. The devices are two silver embroidered stars of five rays each, with the gold embroidered arms of the United States between them.



**LIEUTENANT GENERAL'S SHOULDER STRAPS.**  
For a lieutenant general the strap is the same as for a general, except that there are three silver embroidered stars of five rays, one star in the center and one on each side, the center star being the largest. This rank has been held by Washington, Grant, Sherman, Sheridan and Schofield. Scott held it by brevet. It no longer exists.



**MAJOR GENERAL'S SHOULDER STRAPS.**  
On the shoulder straps of a major general there are two stars, each star one inch from the outer edge of the gold embroidery at the ends of the strap.



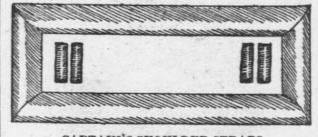
**BRIGADIER GENERAL'S SHOULDER STRAPS.**  
For a brigadier general it is the same as for a major general, with the exception that there is but one star equidistant from the outer edge of the embroidery on the ends of the strap.



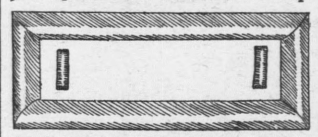
**COLONEL'S SHOULDER STRAPS.**  
The shoulder straps of colonels are the same size as those of major generals and bordered in like manner with an embroidery of gold. A silver embroidered spread eagle is on the center of the strap, two inches between the tips of the wings, having in the right talon an olive branch and in the left a bundle of arrows. On the breast is an escutcheon, as represented in the "arms of the United States."



**LIEUTENANT COLONEL AND MAJOR.**  
The devices worn by a lieutenant colonel are silver embroidered leaves. The only difference between the straps of a major and a lieutenant colonel is that the leaves at each end are gold and embroidered.



**CAPTAIN'S SHOULDER STRAPS.**  
At each end of a captain's shoulder straps are two silver embroidered bars of the same width as the border, placed parallel to the ends of the strap.



**FIRST LIEUTENANT'S SHOULDER STRAPS.**  
On the strap of a first lieutenant are two silver embroidered bars, one at each end.



**SECOND LIEUTENANT'S SHOULDER STRAPS.**  
The second lieutenant's strap is similar to that of first lieutenant, only that the bars are omitted.

Cochran, Jr., Middletown; Horatio W. Fraz, Middletown; alternate, Cyrus Tamm, Middletown.  
Fourth district, registrar, Clarence R. Clayton, Middletown; assistant, Julius W. Clayton, Middletown; Charles H. Howell, Middletown; alternate, Julius Cochran, Middletown.

Fourteenth Representative District, (Appomattock Hundred)—First district registrar, James A. Hart, Townsend; assistants, William J. Crouch, Odessa; John S. Lattomus, Odessa; alternate, Winfield S. Lattomus, Odessa.

Second district, registrar, Joseph Roberts, Middletown; assistants, William N. Watts, Middletown; Benjamin Lockerman, Middletown; alternate, William K. Tamm.

Fifteenth Election District, Blackbird Hundred)—First Election district registrar, Robert N. Higgins, Deakynville; assistants, Abram Staats, Deakynville; Samuel O. Derrickson, Deakynville; alternate, John E. Brockson, Blackbird.

**Teachers' Examination.**  
An examination for first grade, second grade, and provisional certificates will be held at Middletown, Saturday, July 9th, 1898.



**CORPS OF ENGINEERS.**  
Members of the corps of engineers are known by wearing a castellated structure surrounded by a wreath upon the field cap.



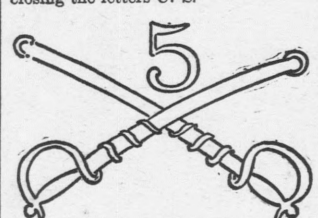
**SIGNAL CORPS.**  
The device worn on the field cap by members of the signal corps is composed of two signal flags crossed over a flambeau and inclosed by a wreath.



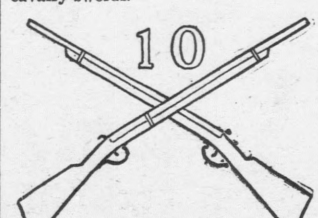
**ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.**  
The members of the adjutant general's department are known by wearing the United States shield inclosed in a wreath upon the field cap.



**GENERAL OF CORPS STAFF.**  
The distinctive device worn by members of the general of corps staff upon the field cap is a wreath and clasp inclosing the letters U. S.



**CAVALRY.**  
Members of the cavalry branch of the military service wear as a distinctive badge upon their field caps two crossed cavalry swords.



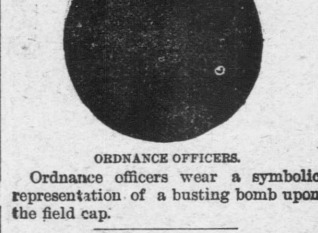
**INFANTRY.**  
The infantry are designated by wearing two crossed rifles upon their caps with a number denoting the particular regiment to which the soldier belongs.



**ARTILLERY.**  
Artillerymen may be known by the two crossed cannons worn on their caps.



**ORDNANCE OFFICERS.**  
Ordnance officers wear a symbol of representation of a bursting bomb upon the field cap.

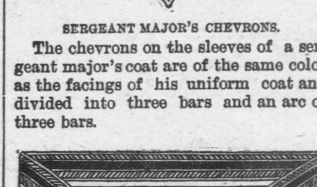


**Death of an Aged Minister.**  
Rev. Wm. B. Walton, of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference died at Salisbury Md., on June 21. Mr. Walton was about 75 years old. He was admitted to the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal Conference in 1848, and had been a member of the Wilmington Conference since 1869 when it was organized. His pastoral appointments were as follows: 1848, Snodgrassville; 1849, Schuylkill Valley; 1850, Tremont Mission; 1851, Bridesburg; 1852 and 1853, New Castle; 1854, and 1855, Kent Island; 1856 and 1857, Sudlersville; 1858 and 1859, Harrington; 1860 and 1861, Kent; 1862 and 1864, Federalsburg; 1865 and 1866, Milton; 1867 to 1869, St. Georges; 1870 and 1871, New Castle; 1872 to 1874, St. Michaels; 1875 to 1877, Georgetown; 1878 to 1880, Federalsburg; 1881 to 1883, Church Hill; 1884 to 1886, Salisbury; 1887 to 1889, St. Michael's; and 1890, Snow Hill. He was a chaplain in the United States Army in 1862. In 1861 the Wilmington Conference put him on the supernumerary list, and since 1892 he had been on the supernumerary list. His wife and several children survive him. One of his sons, Rev. O. S. Walton, is a member of the Wilmington Conference, and stationed at Preston.

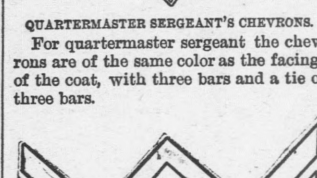
The rank of a noncommissioned officer is marked by chevrons upon both sleeves of the uniform coat and overcoat above the elbow. The chevrons are of cloth of the same color as the facings of the uniform coat and divided into bars a half inch wide by black silk stitching. For the engineers the color of the stitching is white and piped with white, points down.



**SERGEANT MAJOR'S CHEVRONS.**  
The chevrons on the sleeves of a sergeant major's coat are of the same color as the facings of his uniform coat and divided into three bars and an arc of three bars.



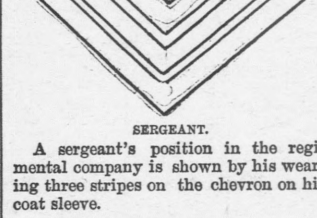
**QUARTERMASTER SERGEANT'S CHEVRONS.**  
For quartermaster sergeant the chevrons are of the same color as the facings of the coat, with three bars and a tie of three bars.



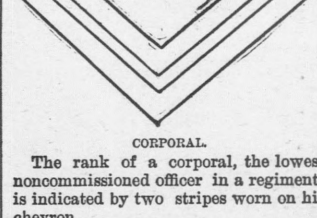
**FIRST SERGEANT.**  
The distinguishing badge worn by a first sergeant consists of three stripes and a star in the angle of the stripes displayed on his chevron.



**SERGEANT.**  
A sergeant's position in the regimental company is shown by his wearing three stripes on the chevron on his coat sleeve.



**CORPORAL.**  
The rank of a corporal, the lowest noncommissioned officer in a regiment, is indicated by two stripes worn on his chevron.



**White Bed Spreads.**  
The rich and elaborate patterns, the soft, elegant finish commend them at once to seekers for appropriate wedding presents.

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At \$4—Imported Marseilles Bed Spreads in a variety of handsome patterns.  
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Seized and taken in execution as the property of George W. Ingram, and to W. Ingram, Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, June 27, 1898.

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**JOHN T. SPRING**  
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July 24th

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**WANAMAKER'S**  
PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 27, 1898.  
PRUDENCE suggests no further delays. Money-lending is not pleasant work—and the owners of these goods will hope to be spared a further experience of this kind. Our purchase was of beautiful  
25c ORGANDIES TO SELL AT 16c  
12 1/2c DIMITIES TO SELL AT 8c



THE ORGANDIES are the filmy fabrics of Alsace-Lorraine—as yet the world's supply-point for the finest cotton weaves. The printings are American and exquisite—well on to a hundred designs and colorings being included. 25c Organ-dies at 16c.  
THE DIMITIES are printed in stripes and plaids and figures on grounds of blue, of black and of white. Their dainty prettiness is too winsome to be resisted. 12 1/2c grade at 8c.

**10c PRINTED LAWNS AT 7c**  
It seems odd to sell such decidedly summery goods under value when we have all of the summer weather yet to come. But that simply doubles the attractiveness of these unusual offerings.

We took another  
**\$12,000 Lot of Women's Shirt Waists**  
Last week we told of a shirt waist purchase in which eight carloads of shirt waists had come to us at a very decided saving in prices.

You liked them—took them away rapidly. We figured out your probable wants, and saw that our stock wouldn't reach. So another big purchase—equally economical.

There is almost no end of styles and colorings among the fabrics, but there is practically one style in the making—THE VERY LATEST. Interested? The waists are on sale at  
50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25 AND \$1.50

**New Linens** ALMOST a year ago a German linen maker, famous for the towels he produced, came over the ocean to learn more clearly what the American people wanted. Of course he came to Wanamaker's, largely to win trade with the greatest distributors of linens. We gave him a handsome buck, toward the model by—today the result is here. The model towel is selling at 45c. The new towels are  
twenty-five cents each  
and weigh more than the originals. Washed ready for use and beautifully finished; ends are hemstitched; all white, or with blue, red or yellow borders. Size 20x38 inches. The handsomest Huck Towels ever made to sell for a quarter.

**NAPKINS—**  
More than ten thousand Napkins came in this lot that finds first showing in the Linen Store now. They are splendidly made of excellent flax—perfectly finished; probably a dozen patterns in all. Three sizes:  
20x20 inches, \$1.75 a dozen  
22x22 inches, \$2.25 a dozen  
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**French Organdies**  
The finest imported and in the finest French designs—25c grade for 12 1/2c.

**Ginghams**  
A large lot just opened of beautiful dress Ginghams, 10 to 15 yards in each piece or we will cut them in any length. They are our regular 10c grade for 6c per yard.

**India Linens**  
On Wednesday we sold about half of the big lot of fine White India Linen. They are the finest and best possible to make and our lady customers will be delighted with these goods. They will have more of this fine quality this season.

**Men's Stockings**  
Only 300 pairs in the lot—they are a fancy mixed half hose in a fine assortment in quiet colors, tasty, neat and in good quality. The price will be 12 1/2c instead of 25c.

**Pique**  
White with diagonal cord, and white, red, navy, light blue and pink, with bayadere cord, 12 1/2c per yard for Saturday.

**Muslins for Saturday**  
Hill yard wide bleached 5c.  
Heavy Sheeting, 40 inches 5c.  
Fine Sheeting, 4c.  
Cotton Crash, 3c.

**Ladies' Belts**  
After a large selling season we find about 100 Belt of our best seller which we will have no more of this season. They are our regular leathers and 50c all season, and are in white and colors only. We shall sell them on Saturday for 29c each and the 29c ones for 19c. All of our high price ones up to \$2 will be sold for half price.

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We handle the **PAGE WOVEN WIRE FENCE** which has no equal, because, it requires few posts. It does not burn or blow down. It is entirely adapted to rough ground. You can get and erect it on very short notice. It is made from the very best hard steel wire. It turns everything from a rabbit to a steam engine. Those who have used it recommend it. You can put it up faster than any other fence. When you get it you have what you want.

Get in the front ranks and try an **AMERICAN MILK SEPARATOR**, and if it don't save you money bring it back. You will always find a sample on hand for inspection. Bind your Dollar Wheat with the **DEERING BINDER TWINE**, and oil your binder with the **Deering Lubricating Oil**.

We are now having made to our order a large lot of **HAY RIGGINGS**, which we can sell you right. We are always glad to show our goods whether you are ready to buy or not, so call and see us.

**J. F. McWhorter & Son.,** Machinery Hall, Middletown, Del.

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Seems astounding to say there's a quarter to a third saved in buying cloth in large quantities—in having suits made in large quantities, in extra profits saved—but remember, we're the makers of Men's Suits by hundreds, by thousands. Our \$7.50 Serge Suits are usual \$10 ones of stores that buy to sell again: and our best for \$16.50 are equal to others \$20. Cheviots, cassimeres, worsteds, \$7.50 to \$20.00—we save you a third.

**Midsummer Sale of Women's Dress**  
We have had the cheerful selling of Skirts, Suits, Jackets for all season. The endorsement has been quick and great for our goods and our prices. Now—in parts of the stock a few of a lot are left: our compromise in both cases is—cut the prices.

The most stylish summer stuffs—waists and dresses sell for half price often; sometimes less: in almost all the stock—the littlest saving is a quarter or a third.

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 First Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10:30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7:30 o'clock. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock. E. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 4 o'clock.  
 Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.  
 St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10:30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 10 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning prayers at 10 a. m. Evening prayer at 7:30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Day school at 9 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 4:30 p. m. The Girls' Guild meets every Thursday at 3 p. m. The Ladies on the first and third Fridays of each month at 7:30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

## DO YOU GET YOUR PAPER?

The TRANSCRIPT has had many complaints from subscribers about failure to receive the paper regularly and promptly. We shall make a special effort to find out the cause if prompt notice is sent to this office. Drop a postal at each failure to receive the paper.

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Mr. Roberts, who has been collecting for the TRANSCRIPT, has not reported for several weeks, hence credits have not been made on the labels, but he will report next week and all credits will be given.

## MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JULY 2, 1898

## Local News.

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—For Fire works go to J. H. Burrows'. Largest stock and lowest prices in town.

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## ONE ON SCOTT.

Since the Evening Journal made public the statement of a juror that the cot and bedding in the sleeping quarters at the county Court House were infested by bedbugs, Janitor Scott has been preparing plans for their extermination. Day before yesterday they were put in execution and the green surrounding the Court House was literally covered with beds and bedding in process of cleansing. A thorough job was made of it, and in future the jurors can sleep in comfort.

Janitor Scott thought that his troubles were over, but he was not. Yesterday morning Fireman Campbell was walking down the green. He saw something crawling in the grass and went for it. It proved to be a young lobster, from the heavy rainfall of a few hours previously. But Fireman Campbell took a different view of it. Picking up the lobster he hunted up Janitor Scott and said:

"No wonder those jurors couldn't sleep."

"Why, what do you mean?" asked Scott.

"Do you think that a man can sleep with such a thing as that crawling over him?" inquired Campbell at the same time displaying the young lobster.

"Where did you get it?" asked Scott, eyeing it askance.

"Out there on the grass where you had the jurors' bedding," responded Campbell.

"What is it?" asked Scott.

"It's a Superior Court bedbug, with a General Sessions twist in its tail and an Oyer and Terminer pair of nippers for stubborn jurors," said Campbell.

"That's a Bill Hill lie," retorted Scott. "I don't know what the damned thing is, but if the bed had been full of them things I'd most certainly have seen them when I was cleaning 'em up, and I didn't see a thing half as big as that."

The young lobster was on exhibition all of yesterday in the office of the recorder of deeds, at the expense of Scott, who fought shy of the office during the entire day.—Evening Journal.

## PERSONALITIES

**Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.**

—Mrs. Mendinall, of Wilmington, is the guest of Mrs. J. H. Menhall at the National. Mr. Mendinall is expected for Sunday and the Fourth.

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## THE JULY CENTURY.

The July Century opens with a story the times, "By Order of the Admiralty," by Winston Churchill, author of "The Celebrity." This deals with a filibuster expedition and is full of romance. It is illustrated by B. West Clendinning. There are two articles on "Confederate Commanders—Desires," by Col. John Taylor Wood, commander of the vessel, tells of "The Tallahassee," "Dash into New York Waters," while G. Terry Sinclair describes "The Eventful Cruise of the 'Florida.'" Stephen Bouslog, late of the American Legation at Madrid, writes of "Holy Week in Seville," with illustrations by Joseph Pennell. Cornelia Darrin, in "An Artistic Treasurer from Spain," describes the recovery of a fine antique bust at Elche, a photographic reproduction of which accompanies the article. Poultny Bigelow gives a resume of "Ten Years of Kaiser Wilhelm," writing from intimate personal knowledge of the aspirations of the Emperor and his realizations of them. A drawing by the Emperor accompanies the article. Henry Eckford briefly considers "Wilhelm II, as Art Patron," and a photograph shows the Emperor in a costume of the time of Frederick the Great with the artist Menzel. Mrs. Mabel Loomis Todd, who went to Northern Spain in 1896 with the Amherst eclipse party, contributes a paper entitled "In Aino-Land," in which she describes a wild, hairy race almost unknown to the Western world. In the series of "Heroes of Peace," Herbert D. Ward writes sympathetically of "Heroes of the Deep," with "The Author of 'Quo Vadis'?" whose works are known to American readers through Mr. Curtis's translations. James Bryce is represented by a highly important essay, in which he analyzes the conception of "Equality" and examines how far it can be realized politically, socially, and economically. "Modern Dutch Painters" are appreciatively criticized by Mrs. Elizabeth W. Champney, and there are reproductions of many noted pictures. A story of Japan, full of warmth and color, is "Purple-Eyes," by John Luther Long, whose "Mama Butterfly" was widely talked about. Timothy Cole's engravings from Old English Masters this month are from Romney, the frontispiece "Ludy Derby" being one of the most beautiful of all Cole's engravings.

**THE JULY ST. NICHOLAS**

There are many seasonable features in the July number of St. Nicholas. All boys and girls will be interested in "Some Ships of Our Navy," a series of fifteen pictures of represent a five American war vessels, reproduced from photographs. Lieutenant Philip Andrews, U. S. N. describes the "Ceremonies and Etiquette of a Man-of-War," showing the honors with which distinguished visitors are received on board, the different kinds of salutes, etc. In "The Stamp-Act Box," David Walker Woods, Jr., tells of the part that unpopular and unjust taxes have had in causing two American wars. He also describes a treasured possession of his family, the quaint old box in which the Stamp-Act of 1765 was brought to this country. H. A. Ogden, the artist, writes of "A Great Republican at Court," giving incidents of Dr. Benjamin Franklin's embassy to France. The artist-author furnishes a number

## ODESSA NOTES.

Miss Fanny Ford left on Monday for New York. She expects to spend the summer at West Point.

Dr. Purcell, of Newark, preached in Dr. W. H. Moore's Church on Sunday. Charles Gibson is home from Chicago, where he has been taking a course in Y. M. C. A. work.

Miss Louise Corbit is entertaining her annual home party.

Miss Anna Gibson who has been visiting friends in Philadelphia is expected home this week. Miss Duor will probably return with her.

Dr. Corkran, Presiding Elder of Eastern District, preached in St. Paul's M. E. Church on Sunday morning.

Miss May C. Enos has returned from a trip to Queen Anne, Hillsboro and Ridgely, Md.

Mr. Sereck Shallcross secured the Middletown band wagon and on Wednesday evening took a party of 22 down to Townsend as they supposed to the band festival. They were misled by a Townsend item in the New Era, stating the band would hold their festival the 29th of June, and did not discover their mistake until they had reached Townsend. Nevertheless the whole party enjoyed the trip immensely and gave Mr. Shallcross a vote of thanks and three cheers. They returned by Middletown, reaching home at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Frank Watkins has invited her many friends to a moonlight excursion on the Steamer Clie for this evening. The excursion is given in honor of her friend, Miss Smith who is her guest.

Mrs. Downs and her son, Mr. Henry Downs, are the guests of Mrs. W. O. Hurst.

Miss Ada Morgan left for Philadelphia, on Wednesday where she will be married.

Quite a party went to Camp Tunnell on Thursday to witness dress parade. Although they reached camp some time before six o'clock the parade was all over. They inspected the camp and returned home pleased with their trip, but rather disappointed at not seeing the parade.

The citizens of Odessa were delighted on Wednesday to have the first battalion of the First Delaware Regiment in command of Lieutenant Col. Stephenson to assist in raising a flag up town in front of the store of W. E. Rhodes. The flag was hoisted to its place by Miss Grace Vineyard amid the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the Regimental Band.

Mr. D. W. Corbit on behalf of the citizens of Odessa heartily thanked the officers and men for their presence and wished that they might be permitted to see the service which they desired, and return with honors to be warmly welcomed by their friends and fellow citizens. Mr. Corbit concluded by introducing Rev. W. O. Hurst who gave a brief history of the flag, and finished by saying Delaware was proud of the loyalty of her citizens, proud of her Regiment of Volunteers, and felt fully assured that when called to the front every member of which would prove himself "a worthy son of a noble sire," adding fresh laurels to the already glorious military history of the State.

Mr. Corbit then proposed three cheers for the First Delaware Regiment, to which the multitude heartily responded.

## DELAWARE CITY.

The idea of a small town sometimes results in grave mistakes. The report of the engagement of Miss Sallie Gasser to Mr. Wm. Jester having been formally announced is without any foundation, as no such engagement exists.

Mr. and Mrs. Haller and son, of Philadelphia, also Miss Emma Frempt are visiting Miss Laura Frempt.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Eagle, of New Castle, visited relatives in town on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Mullin, of New Haven, Conn., are guests at his mother's.

Mrs. Joseph Anderson has returned from a visit to Philadelphia.

Mrs. L. H. Moore and Mrs. J. A. Vree land, of Philadelphia, spent Wednesday with their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Benj. N. O. Moore, of Philadelphia, are spending a week with their grandmother.

A Union Service was held at the camp on Sunday afternoon. The pastors of the Presbyterian and M. E. Churches assisted Chaplain Long. A goodly number of the people of the town and neighborhood attended.

Miss May Thompson and Miss Lucille Martindale spent Sunday at the parsonage.

The services in the M. E. Church were unusually interesting on Sunday. The presiding elder, Dr. Watt, officiated in the morning and Chaplain Long in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Snowdell, of Chester, Pa., and Mrs. Aliman and daughters, of Philadelphia, are in town having come to attend the Commencement of the public school. Their sister, Miss Eva Beck, was one of the graduates. Miss Beck's average would have enabled her to graduate last year but as she was the only one eligible decided to wait until there was a larger class.

At the closing exercises of the public school on Wednesday a great deal of patriotism was displayed. Flags were in abundance, the girls costumes were white with stars and stripes about their waist and over their left shoulder where two small flags were fastened. The boys wore uniforms and several carried guns. All the songs, recitations, dialogues and tableaux were patriotic. The first tableaux entitled "Old Glory Leads" was specially fine. A young lady, Miss L. Hines, in a costume of white held by her outstretched hands the standard in one hand and a fold of the flag in the other, a beautiful silk flag, for several minutes. While all the tableaux deserve special mention, this one is worthy of even more, as the young lady was required to stand there while a patriotic section was sung. The tableaux were as follows: "Betty Ross (Miss Lucy Chasins) and the first flag," "The Soldier's farewell," "Awaiting Orders," "Preparing for the Wounded," and "Tenting To-night." In the "Patriotic Exercise" by the Primary Division, in which a large number of children participated, a dialogue between Uncle Sam (Charles) and a Soldier (Lydia Nickle) and the recitation, "God Home and Liberty" by Lionel Bright were particularly well rendered. The "Patriotic Drill" was attractively interesting with Laura Bellville as "Columbia," Harry Warren as "Columbia" and Ella Worke as "Peace." Thirty-two boys and girls took part in this drill and it closed with "Crying the Reclamation" by Sadie Bristow. "Our Country's Progress" was the program. In this sixteen girls participated, in a recitation entitled "Cuba" in which the "Goddess of War" was represented by Lottie Adler, and Harmon Dempsey in naval suit told of the "Maine in Havana Harbor," closing with the tableaux "Tenting To-night." The hall was packed, literally, although a number of persons enjoyed seeing the exercises in the afternoon. A good many of the soldiers were present and seemed to appreciate the sentiment expressed during the evening. Vigorously applauding little Cuba when she told of her woes. This little girl is a very little girl but is decidedly one of the best, if not the best of the speakers in the school, and although her voice is not strong, speaks very distinctly, which is a desirable item in such an entertainment.

On Monday the Fourth there will be an unusual display in the town. There will be flag raising and drill by the work of the soldiers will drill and parade, the fire company also, and the exercises of Wednesday evening repeated as far as practicable by special request. Refreshments will be served those who parade, and a big time is prophesied for our town. We desire to speak a good word for the soldiers camping at the Battery in regard to their conduct about town. It is about as good as any we have seen, and they are well behaved and orderly and no detriment to the town.

Mr. J. Thomas Price is convalescing. He was able to sit up in his room on Wednesday.

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## TOWNSEND NOTES.

Miss Mary Webb, of near Odessa, is a guest of Miss Katie Hutchison.

Mrs. James Wilson, of Smyrna, spent Thursday with her parents here.

Mrs. George Anderson, of Wilmington, visited relatives in and near town on Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. A. J. Lynan has returned home from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Camel, of Philadelphia.

The New Castle base ball team will cross bats with the home team here on Monday, at 10 A. M. and at 2:30 P. M.

Abram Hayden, of Atlantic City, was a guest of his sister, Mrs. W. H. Reynolds, on Monday.

The annual school election was held on Saturday. W. H. Money and Winfield Latomus were re-elected and Arnwell Quillen was elected all to serve for three years.

Miss Retta Townsend has been elected teacher of the Levels of Philadelphia.

Francis W. Hess, of Philadelphia, visited his family here on Thursday.

Prof. D. B. Jones was called to Bridgeville on Tuesday on account of the illness of his mother.

W. N. Reynolds has purchased from Wm Carey his dwelling on Railroad avenue.

Miss Edith Cahoon, of Dover, has been spending several days with her sister, Mrs. J. C. Hutchison.

The Rev. William J. Wilkie will conduct services in Townsend at the residence of Mr. C. F. Hubbard to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock.

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Pork, lb.	10c	
Spring chickens, 100	10c	
Apples per basket.	12c	
GRAIN.		
Wheat No. 1, bus.	75c	
Wheat No. 2, bus.	70c	
Timothy Seed, bush.	1.80	
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SECRET SOCIETIES.

Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Major John Jones Post, No. 22, G. A. R. Meets every Friday night in Reynolds Building at 7 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W. Meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL. JULY 2, 1898

Monumental Spanish Failures

Host of writers have tried to explain just what manner of man the Spaniard is.

Even years ago we find an adventurous French writer, Brantôme, seeking to give reasons for

the Spaniard's bombast and boastings, which he called "rodomontade."

Machiavelli speculated about the spasmodic spirit of enterprise in the Spaniards; and journalists now-a-days are attempting to show how unique the Spaniard character is and just why it is so peculiar.

It is surely one of the nicest problems of race ever propounded. It has generally been admitted that as the German loved system above all, as freedom appealed supremely to the Anglo-Saxon, so the idea of dignity was the key to Spanish personality.

This sense of dignity is the result of an exulting self-consciousness which has so dislocated his other qualities as to render the Spaniard fundamentally inefficient. It has made him a highly emotional or excitable and a correspondingly irrational creature. While he may exhibit the child's instinct for self-denial, the Spaniard is utterly incapable of self-effacement when most expedient.

The consequence is the Spaniard never succeeds. With the loyalty of a dog at times, he never adheres to his plans so as to realize his wishes. With the impressive endurance and tenacity of the mule he never perseveres in well-considered directions. Doubtless the fact that the Spaniard has always been a soldier may account for his peculiar pride. He has the soldier's contempt for death, his indolence when out of action, his technicalness about grade. But behind this is that disordered self-consciousness which explains his high exploitiveness, which, in turn, is, as a rule, accompanied with crass callousness. Perhaps no people have so religiously pursued a career of inhumanity as the devotees of autos da fe (acts of faith) and bull fights.

Such exploitiveness and callousness are found only in such extreme mixtures of race as appear in Spain. The Iberian stock, which is purest in Biscay, represents a deposit of the Mongolian and Visigothic, with a trace of the Semitic. It may be this sorry admixture, after all, which makes the Spaniard the being who never quite succeeds. This may explain his strange habit of telling falsehood and truth so unexpectedly, his religiousness in comparison with the French and Italians, his sardonic humor, his surprising Quixotry, and, above all, his incapacity manifest in the long list of his defeats by the Romans, Moors, Dutch, English, Mexicans, South Americans and finally Cubans and North Americans.

In 218 B. C. the Romans defeated the Carthaginians, who had made colonies in Spain, and after 205 B. C. Spain was regarded as a Roman province. In 507, after an invasion, the Visigoths established a kingdom in the peninsula and the typical madness of Spanish history began. Of the twenty-three Visigothic kings from Theudis to Roderic, nine were deposed and seven were murdered. In 711 the Moors, an offshoot of the Arabian family, made a conquest of Spain. Their rule was not harsh, but the process of driving them south lasted until the sixteenth century. Even then, after the repulse of the Moors, there was no common national feeling in Spain.

Chance, not skill, aided America to the wealth of the Spanish monarchy. Spain was now on the apex of what is called her greatness, yet she could do nothing but blunder and be foolish when favored by historical accident. She was producing a Cervantes, a Lope de Vega, a Calderon, a Murillo, a Velasquez and almost the finest architecture in Europe.

Through Ferdinand's settlement of domestic problems by diplomacy, international politics, the most distinctive feature of modern history, was established. Yet here occurred a colossal failure. With her colonies in the hands of unit, corrupt politicians, the Spaniards at home, completely the art of living and the art of fighting and retained only the art of dying according to their tropical instinct.

The industry of the tolerant Moors, their systems of irrigation, their cultivation of sugar, cotton, rice, silk, had been a model to Europe, but with the insane passion for religious unity, with the excessive taxation of the productive classes, all Spanish prestige was wiped out. Because of Spain's intolerance the Netherlands threw off the hated yoke. Think of the splendid mind of a Spaniard being lost to Spain and gained by the Dutch! Then came the most spectacular collapse of any nation in the modern world, the col-

lapse of Phillip's grand scheme against England.

There is all Spanish history in this scene, superb pretense, downright folly and final defeat. England, under Elizabeth, had aided and abetted the Dutch in their revolt against Spain.

Add to this that Phillip II was piqued at not becoming Elizabeth's husband. It was the arrogant grandee as always utterly foiled. The 132 vessels of the "Invincible armada" were met in the English Channel by an English fleet under Howard and Drake and worsted.

Then a storm of the Hebrides destroyed what British seamanship and soldierly ship left. The Spaniards were incompetent. They could not then, as today, use their guns. Bravery without the exercise of disciplined reason is most destructive of one's interests.

In the war of the Spanish succession in 1703 England captured Gibraltar; in vain the Spaniards tried to regain it. In 1819 the United States established its rights to Florida in exchange for the Texas claims. Florida had been ceded to England in 1763 in exchange for Havana, but regained by Spain at the end of her war with England in 1779.

From the start the policy of Spain toward her American colonies had been altogether deplorable. With every possibility for territorial expansion and self-enrichment she failed completely.

As Spain never succeeded in keeping Portugal, which has been inalienably to her safety, it is not to be expected that she could retain her colonial possessions. The true history of the divorce of the American colonies from Spain has never been told, but its general character can be briefly suggested. The Spanish provinces were Mexico, Central America and South America—two vice-royalties, comprising the countries now known as Peru, Ecuador, Venezuela, Costa Rica, the Guianas and Buenos Ayres, which included the Argentine Republic, Uruguay, Chile, Paraguay, Bolivia and virtually Patagonia. For three centuries the rule of Spain did not vary from that of Phillip II and his Alva. The Jesuits and the Inquisition held full sway. Spanish wars alone could be imported, and the produce went only to Spain. Offices in church and state were held exclusively by Spaniards born in the peninsula. The violence and extortion in which the superior officers indulged recalled the days of the pro-consuls of Rome. The juntas that were formed, as in the case of Cuba, learned the possibility of self-government, and as the mother country refused to grant the colonies equal rights with herself and freedom to trade, the American possessions asserted their independence.

In 1810 the Priest Hidalgo with some followers, started an insurrection against Spain in Mexico. In 1821, Juan, a descendant of old Mexican kings, declared the independence of the country, and came to be known as the Napoleon of Mexico. In the same year the independence of Central America was declared. The liberation of the northwestern South America is chiefly associated with the name of a very remarkable man, Bolivar, a rich Venezuelan creole, the "Washington of Colombia." Repeatedly beaten and banished from firm land he persistently returned and fought bravely. He became dictator, liberator, almost emperor, and he had some in many a gay Parisian salon, this Simon Bolivar—truly, as Carlyle said, "a Ulysses whose history were worth its ink had the Homer who could do it made his appearance."

Of all the American States Peru had the severest struggle for liberty. Chili secured her freedom through the efforts of an English admiral, Cochrane, a brave, adventurous spirit. After the independence of Chile was assured, Cochrane, with Bolivar, went to the assistance of Peru. France wished to establish Bourbon kingdoms in South America, but as England gained much commercially through the independence of the States, she refused to allow European intervention, and in 1825 she recognized the independence of Spain's old colonies.

Without venturing prophecy it would seem as if Spain were on the point of her last monumental failure. Bereft of her colonial possessions, she may see that she must depend on herself in the struggle for existence, she may grow introspective and self-critical and feel a desire to exhibit common sense. Though much disguised there are some signs of an exercise of dawning intelligence in the present government of Spain. Inefficiency means elimination of life; success is survival. If Spain is to survive, the Spaniard must consent to change his character.

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HOW THE TALLAHASSEE GOT OUT OF WILMINGTON—THE CONFEDERATE COMMERCE-DESTROYER HAD SEVERAL NARROW ESCAPES FROM CAPTURE—FEDERAL VESSELS ALL AROUND.

Two articles on "Confederate Commerce-Destroyers" are printed in the July Century. "The Tallahassee's Dash into New York Waters" is written by John Taylor Wood, her commander. Col. Wood says of the escape of the vessel from Wilmington:

Ten days sufficed to get things in working order, and the crew into shape, when we dropped down the river to wait a favorable time for running the ganlet, which was only when there was no moon and when the tide served. I determined to try the eastern or new inlet, and on the night of August 4 the outlook was favorable. Everything was secured for sea. The lights were all carefully housed, except the binoculars, which was shaded; fires were cleaned and freshened, lookouts were stationed, and the men were at their quarters. The range lights were placed; these, in the absence of all buoys and lights, were necessary in crossing the bar, and were shown only when vessels were going in and out. The Mound, a huge earth-work, loomed up ahead, looking in the darkness like a black cloud resting on the horizon. We started ahead slowly, but brought up on the "rip," or inner shoal. Two hours of hard work with the engines, and with a keel astern, were lost before we got off, and then it was too late for the tide. We turned up the river a short distance and anchored. The next night we had the same experience, except that we grounded so badly that it required three steamers to tow us off.

Finding that with the state of the tide and our thirteen and a half feet draft the eastern inlet was impracticable, I determined to try the western one. Steaming down to Fort Caswell, we waited for darkness. Only a few feeble clouds were in the sky. As the moon went down on the night of August 6, at ten, we approached the bar, fearful of a repetition of our previous mishaps; and as the leadman called out the water in a low tone, our hearts rose in our throats as it showed: "By the mark three—and a quarter less three—and a half two—and a half two—and a quarter two." She touched, but did not bring up. Then came the joyful words: "And half two."

We had just grazed the "Lump," a bad shoal in mid-channel, and were over the bar. Chief Engineer Tynan was by my side on the bridge. I turned to him and said: "Open her cut, sir, but let her go for all she is worth." With a bound he was in the engine-room, and in a few moments I knew from the tremor of the vessel that the order was obeyed, and with a full head of steam we leaped on. "A sharp lookout ahead!" was the order passed forward. We were hardly clear of the bar when back came the words: "A steamer ahead!" The two made us out at the same time, and signalled. I hailed the foresteer, and asked how the steamer under our bows was heading. "To the southward," was the reply. The helm was accordingly ported, and we passed between them, so close under the stern of the one that we heard that a biscuit could have been tossed on board. As we dashed by we heard the sharp, quick words of command of the officer in charge of the after pilot: "Ban out!" "Starboard tackle handsomely!" "Elevate!" "Steady!" "Stand clear!" Then the flash from the muzzle, like a gleam of lightning, illumined the water for a moment, and a heavy shell fell singing over our heads, leaving a trail like a comet. It was an excellent line shot. That order, "Elevate!" had saved us. The steamer on the starboard side opened, and our opponents, now on our quarter, joined in; but their practice was wild, and in a few moments they were out of sight. I did not return their fire, for it would only have shown our position, and I did not wish our true character to be known, preferring that they should suppose us an ordinary blockade-runner.

During the night we ran to the southward until clear of Frying-Pan Shoals, and then hauled up to the eastward. More to be feared than the inshore squadron were the vessels cruising offshore from forty to fifty miles, in position to sight at daylight the vessels that might come out during the night, and these were the fastest and most efficient blockade-runners.

I was not surprised when, at daylight the next morning, a cruiser was reported in sight astern, hull up. As we were outlined against the eastern sky, she had seen us first, and from the dense smoke issuing from her funnel I knew she was in sharp chase. At eight another steamer was made out ahead. I changed our course eight points, bringing one on each beam, and the chase became interesting. One we made out to be a large side-wheeler, and she held her own, if she did not gain. Mr. Tynan made frequent visits to the engine-room, trying to coax out a few more revolutions; and he succeeded, for we brought them gradually on our quarter, and by noon had lowered their hulls two or three strokes. It was at times like this that the ship and engines proved themselves reliable; for had a screw loosened or a journal heated we should have been lost.

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stances at this session. While the country is engaged in carrying on a war is hardly the proper time for Congress to handle a subject as important as the one this bill deals with. No time will be lost by deferring action by the House.

The attention of the would-be military critics, who seem to think it as easy to move an army as it is to trace lines over a map with a pencil, is called to the fact that Gen. Shafter's army was moved so rapidly after landing in Cuba, although the movements were made in the face of a fighting enemy, that the supply trains found it difficult to keep up with the men.

No one will be much surprised should the resolution to the Senate voting on the resolution for the annexation of Hawaii utterly collapse during the present week, or any believe it will. The stand of President McKinley and more than two-thirds of the House against any adjournment of Congress until the Senate has voted has shown the opposition, with a few exceptions, that filibustering will not help them and that as long as a vote has to be taken before adjournment it would just as well be taken now as later. Adjournment is likely to speedily follow the adoption of the annexation resolution by the Senate, as all of the important business of the session has been disposed of, and President McKinley is conducting the war successfully that Congress is perfectly willing to leave its finish in his hands.

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